

acute phase of the stroke to improve the patient's blood oxygen level, the acute phase being defined as the first three hours from onset of the stroke.

8. An apparatus for the treatment of a patient who is suffering a stroke, said apparatus comprising:

means for identifying the stroke in an acute phase, said acute phase being defined as the first three hours from onset of the stroke; and

means for applying continuous positive airway pressure to said patient at least during said acute phase of said stroke in order to improve the patient's blood oxygen level.

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